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**CONCORD MAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS
FOR WAL-MART ROBBERY**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Concord, New Hampshire Police Department Chief Jerome Madden report that John Brennick, age 42, of Concord, New Hampshire, was sentenced today by United States District Court Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro to the maximum sentence allowed by law, 20 years, for the commission of an armed robbery at Wal-Mart, 344 Loudon Road, Concord, New Hampshire, on December 29, 2002. Brennick's sentence was also ordered to run consecutively to a 2 year term of imprisonment imposed on February 4, 2003, by United States District Court Judge Joseph DiClerico for Brennick's prior violations of his release conditions.

Brennick's sentence was the result of his earlier conviction, after a 1 week jury trial, of the December 29, 2002 robbery of Wal-Mart in Concord. The evidence at trial established that on December 29, Brennick entered the Concord Wal-Mart at approximately 1:30 a.m. Shortly after his entrance, a number of store employees noticed him because he had three distinct scratch marks on the right side of his face. While in Wal-Mart, Brennick approached a cashier and purchased a pack of gum. When the cashier opened his register in order to conduct the transaction, Brennick threw him from the register, took \$522.00 in cash from the open drawer, and fled the area. During the incident, Brennick held a knife to the cashier. A search of the trash container outside the exit door by members of the Concord Police Department revealed the presence of the knife Brennick used during the robbery. The New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory conducted an examination of the knife and determined that Brennick's left thumb print was located on the tip of the knife.

United States Attorney Colantuono commended the bravery of the Wal-Mart employees and stated that the conviction and sentence, "represents another victory for the citizens of the State of New Hampshire who, working together with law enforcement, removed an extremely violent individual from the streets for twenty-two years." The case was investigated by the Concord, New Hampshire Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Ollila.